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On August 11, 1960. [S]

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SAC, Miami

June 22, 1960

Director, FBI (109-504)

ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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Enclosed for each office is a copy of [CIA] letter dated 6-9-60 captioned "Cuban Counterrevolutionary Activities in Miami." ~~(T)EX)(S)(u)~~

Promptly interview [] Patria Libre, Cuba Libre and Jose Acosta are subjects of pending investigations in your office. [Pertinent data developed concerning alleged plane flights from Florida to Cuba] ~~(T)EX)(S)(u)~~ should be made available to IRS, Customs and FIA, locally. Determine from [] the basis for his allegations. Pin [S] him down particularly concerning his belief that the counterrevolution will begin in Cuba in about June, 1960. Elicit from him any concrete data he may have concerning the alleged clandestine air base being prepared in Yucatan Province, Mexico. ~~(T)EX)(S)(u)~~

No identifiable information concerning Grana was located in Bufiles by the Office of Information furnished. If Grana is active in anti-Castro activities, consideration should be given to instituting a separate investigation of him to determine if he is working in behalf of a foreign principal and to determine the nature and extent of his involvement in anti-Castro activities.

New York check with Rafael Diaz Balart for any substantiation of [] ~~(T)EX)(S)(u)~~

Mexico promptly advise the Bureau in the event there is any substantiation to the report that [a clandestine air base is being prepared somewhere in Yucatan Province.] ~~(T)EX)(S)(u)~~ It is noted that previous inquiries by your office have failed to substantiate similar allegations. ~~(T)EX)(S)(u)~~

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Letter to SAC, Miami
Re: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES
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NOTE: CIA furnished information originating with [] [S]
[] Cuban exile in Miami. He allegedly stated that small planes make two or three trips weekly from Florida to Cuba to drop bundles of Cuba and Patria Libre, anti-Castro publications. Jose Acosta reportedly is connected with these publications. [] also stated that Diaz Barlart (with whom [S] NY has been in contact) was a main figure in the counter-revolutionary army. [] also believes that counterrevolution will begin in June, 1960, and that a clandestine air base is being prepared in Mexico. We should interview []
(S)(S)

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